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Memorandum

TO : Those Listed Below

DATE: November 18, 1958

FROM : Richard P. Godwin, Chief
Maritime Reactors Branch

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH FRANK PITTMAN

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In discussions with Dr. Frank Pittman this morning the following subjects were discussed and as a result I have indicated action which each of you are asked to carry out:

1. We have now been asked by Chairman McCone to find a way to avoid the AEC's becoming a signatory to the operating contract with States Marine Lines. The lawyers advise that there appears to be no legal reason why a licensed route can not be followed. Hepburn-Niedermaier are requested to start getting the interagency agreement in shape to accommodate a licensed route.
2. Dr. Pittman agreed to start the studies of the operating problems for the N.S. SAVANNAH in FY 1959 as contrasted to FY 1960. He could not agree beforehand to finding additional dollars for this work, but he agreed with the work and, therefore, we shall proceed to get these studies started. Messrs. Hepburn and Eddy are requested to work out the special study areas and start getting the paper through the system.
3. Dr. Pittman had no specific idea as to the next step to be taken with the ACRS. He believed it to be a broad step to attempt to justify the start-up and test of the N.S. SAVANNAH in Camden rather than a modified start-up procedure. His feeling was based on the fact that if we were under question we could drop back to a maximum core fission products inventory approach. We are to call Dr. Beck to determine the next step by ACRS.
4. Dr. Pittman agreed with the need to replace Dr. Worf and indicated that definite information would be forthcoming by the end of this week. Mr. King is requested to follow-up on the progress of Dr. Worf's replacement and check out with Mr. Eskildson the personnel level of MRB.

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